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PTO-2038 attached hereto,  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
March 29, 2004, the term for response to which is extended by (2)  
months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to Sunday,  
August 29, 2004 which is automatically extended to Monday,  
August 30, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 20 of this paper. Claims 1, 4-6, 8,  
9, 11, 13-15, 17-19, 21, 25 and 27-29 are amended; claims 2, 3,  
7, 10, 16, 24 and 26 are canceled; and claims 12, 20, 22 and 23  
are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 31 of this paper.